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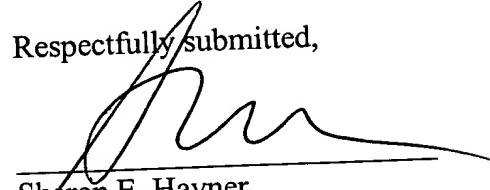
This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2002. Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 31-34 are pending herein. They have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over two related, commonly assigned patents: U.S. Patent No. 6,326,026 and U.S. Patent No. 6,120,801.

Although applicants' do not necessarily agree with the bases for these rejections, in order to advance prosecution of this application, terminal disclaimers with respect to both cited patents will be filed in this case upon the indication of allowable subject matter.

Early and favorable consideration of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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